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Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. A digital apparatus for reproducing a digital video representative
2 signal stored on a recorded medium connected to a receiving device including a decoder, said
3 apparatus comprising:
4 means for processing said digital video representative signal stored on the recorded
5 medium to produce at an output a compressed digital video signal bit stream for decoding by
6 the decoder;
7 a generator generating a status message signal indicative of an operating mode of said
8 apparatus; and,
9 a display message combiner having a first input coupled to said message signal and a
10 second input receiving a video signal decoded from said compressed digital video signal bit
11 stream, said combiner combining said message signal with said video signal for display.

1 2. The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein said status message generator is
2 responsive to a tape timer or time code signal.

1 3. The digital apparatus of claim 1, wherein generation of said message data signal by said
2 status message generator is in response to receipt of a user generated command signal.

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2 4. The digital apparatus of claim 3, further comprising an infrared receiver connected
3 to said status message generator for receiving an infrared signal from a remote control unit,
4 said infrared signal controlling the operating mode of said apparatus.

1 5. A receiving device receiving and decoding compressed digital video signals, said
2 receiver device comprising:
3 a receiving means for receiving and selecting between a first compressed digital video
4 signal from a network source and a second compressed digital video signal and a display
5 message data signal from a local source;

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6 a decoder coupled to said receiving means for decoding said selected one of said first
7 and second compressed digital signals to form a video signal ;
8 control means coupled to said receiving means for controlling selection between said
9 first and second compressed digital video signals, and responsive to selection of said second
10 compressed digital video signal, receiving said display message data signal; and
11 means for combining a display message formed from said display message data signal with
12 said video signal decoded from said second compressed digital video signal to generate a
13 combined video signal for display.

1 6. The digital television receiver of claim 5, wherein said second compressed digital
2 television signal is reproduced from a digital recorder.

1 7. The digital television receiver of claim 8, wherein said display message data signal
2 is a recorder status message.

1 8. The digital television receiver of claim 5, further comprising delay means connected
2 to said control means for delaying transmission of said message data signal to said means for
3 combining.

1 9. The digital television receiver of claim 5, wherein said receiver selects between said
2 first compressed digital video signal and second compressed digital video signal responsive a
3 user generated command signal.

1 10. The digital television receiver of claimed in claim 9, further comprising an infrared
2 receiver connected to said control means for receiving an infrared signal from a remote control
3 unit, said infrared signal controlling selection between said first compressed digital video
4 signal and second compressed digital video signal.